

Virginia Beach Area Local Human Rights Committee

Minutes

November 22, 2011

The quarterly meeting of the Virginia Beach Area Local Human Rights Committee was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, in the conference room in the CAI office in Norfolk, VA.

Members Present:

Michael Burke-Burke Family Care LLC
Linda "Trink" Dahl-Prince-LHRC
Crystal Ferrara-Virginia Beach DHS
Robin Haverty-Hope House Foundation
Susan Henderson-Hope House Foundation
Pamela Little-Community Alternative's
Melissa Mason-Chesapeake CSB
Mary Meagher-LHRC
Amy Morgan-Community Alternative's
Jonina Moskowitz-Virginia Beach DHS
Shareem Owens-Eagles Nest LLC
Shaunna Robey-LHRC
Jane Sinnott-Virginia Beach DHS
Sarah Stansberry-Virginia Beach DHS
Debra Wharton-Eastern Shore CSB

Others Present:

Juanda Antrum-Person Centered Place LLC
Barbara James –Eastern Shore CSB
Hamdiya Moore-Lifting As We Climb LLC
Stewart Prost-OHR

Absent:

Dee Keenan

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.

Mr. Prost would like to add Advocate Report to the agenda and take off the modification of behavior plan Eagles Nest. There was a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded and carried.

There was a motion to adopt the August 19, 2011 minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and carried.

Advocate Report

Mr. Prost stated that Nirisa Rose, a new staff working out of the Williamsburg office. They will be fully staffed. Status of the Committee-there are openings for 2 consumer members. Mary's position needs to be replaced in June. Mr. Prost has two applications. These positions need to be filled as quickly as possible.

Mr. Prost stated Mr. Bowen has resigned.

Mr. Prost stated that the standardized quarterly reporting periods are Oct. 1-Dec. 31, Jan. 1-Mar. 31, Apr. 1-June 30, & July 1-Sept. 30. Reports are due by the 15th of the following month. Quarterly reports are to be standardized. Call Stewart if there are any questions.

Eagles Nest will hand over administrative support to the Eastern Shore and will finish up with the August 19, 2011 meeting minutes. There will be an election of officers today.

Mr. Prost recommended meetings to be the third week at the end of the quarter. Go to website: www.dbhds.virginia.gov . Under Human Rights minutes are posted on the web.

Eagles Nest is asking for affiliation for Eagles Nest II at 1869 Dolina Drive, Va. Beach, VA 23454. The policies and procedures are the same as for Eagles Nest I. Phone 757-773-1595. Serving males with ID. The facility is currently operating. Motion made and carried.

Provider Reports

Eagles Nest: Requested affiliation for Eagles Nest II, an additional location serving the same population as the their fist group home. Ms. Mehar moved and it was seconded to accept the affiliation on the new location, which is already operating. The program reported that here were no complaints, or abuse allegations.

Community Alternatives, Inc.-Pamela Little-Tow allegations of physical abuse, 1 substantiated, one unsubstantiated, 4 peer to peer, all unfounded. in July August-September=4 peer to peer incident, 3 others. 1 founded, 5 unfounded, 1 unsubstantiated. No deaths.

Eastern Shore CSB-1 neglect allegation (peer to peer) with zero counts occurring (unfounded).

Hope House-Robin Haverty-11 allegations, 6 staff to consumer physical, 1 verbal, 1 sexual, 1 neglect. 3 peer to peer. 1 found-neglect by staff, no complaints.

Burke Family Care-Michael Brurke-Day Support no incidents Residential: No incidents

Chesapeake CSB-Melissa Mason-May 1- June 30: 2 incidents neglect, both unfounded, 1 informal complaint. July 1- Sept. 30: 5 allegations of abuse, 2 peer to peer, 2 verbal, 1 neglect. the neglect case and the verbal abuse were founded. 4 complaints, 2 dignity, 2 services, all closed below director. 4 deaths and 4 suicide attempts.

Virginia Beach DHS-Crystal Ferrara-May 1 June 30-2 abuse, 2 verbal and 1 physical. 1 founded and 1 unfounded. 1 allegation of exploitation which was founded. 17 serious injuries. 3 deaths. 4 complaints, all informal,. 1 founded and 3 unfounded. July 1-31, 2 abuse, 1 verbal, founded, 1 neglect t, unfounded. 2 complaints, 1 formal, i1 informal, both dignity. One resolved below director. August 1-October 31-5 abuse allegations, 2 verbal, 2 neglect, & 1 exploitation. 1 verbal abuse and 2 neglect allegations founded. 9 complaints with 3 found in violation. 3-dignity, 4 services, 2 confidentiality. 6 informal, 3 formal. 7 below direct and 2 below director.

Juanda Antrum, with Person Center Place, LLC, stated it is a day support program for men and women with primary of ID. Hours of operation would be 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Behavioral management with therapeutic option will be provided. There will be a sensory room with soft lights, soft music, and soft furniture with ample staff supervision. At least 1 to 4 staff ratio. No facility has been secured. It will be secure, once the license has been secured. Looking at a facility in Va. Beach or Chesapeake, possibly 4 to 5 months away. Behavioral management policy and program rules have been reviewed by Mr. Prost and are found to be in compliance. There was a motion for the program and behavioral management plans and affiliation to be granted. Motion made and carried.

Hamdiya Moore, with Lifting As We Climb, LLC, stated they provide mental health support services. Crisis calls roll over to the cell phone. Someone is designated to be “on call”. The program rules have not been developed. Licensing Specialist is Dennis Riddick. Requesting program rules and change in Behavioral Modification Plan and page 5 of the HR Policy and Procedures. Motion made and carried.

The dates of the 2012 meetings are Friday, January 20, 2012; Friday, April 20, 2012; Friday, July 20, 2012; and Friday, October 19, 2012.

Election of Officers: Chair- Linda “Trink” Dahl-Prince
Vice-Chair-Mary Meagher
Secretary-Shaunna Robey

Motion made and carried.

The committee went into executive session (VA Code 2.2-3177A) at 10:07 am.

Motion made to come out of executive session at 11:10 am. Each member certifies that to the best of their knowledge that matters only lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such matters for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business were heard, discussed, or considered. Ms. Meagher made the motion, Ms. Robey seconded and motion carried.

Mr. Prost stated minutes should be drafted and sent to him for approval for website.

Motion to approve the existing Behavioral Health Plan for a consumer in Virginia Beach. Motion made by Ms. Meagher to allow the chair to create a subcommittee of two to approve new applications. Interview perspective members, and restrictive behavioral plans. Seconded by Ms. Robey. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Robey, seconded by Ms. Meagher, and carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:27 am.